

be a bell ringing, and there will be civil rights leaders from all over the country in Memphis to mark the occasion: our own JOHN LEWIS, Andrew Young, Danny Glover, and Cary Kennedy. There are so many that I shouldn't start, but they will be there to honor Dr. King's memory.

Dr. King's dream is not fulfilled yet. We need to continue to work to make his dream fulfilled in this country to where everybody, regardless of their race or their gender, for that matter, or their sexual orientation, has an opportunity to climb ladders of opportunity to participate in the American Dream and have a successful life and be a part of the middle class, if possible.

I hope everybody will give some thought to Dr. King and his dream on April 4.

### THE OPIOID EPIDEMIC

(Mr. MESSER asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. MESSER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to support President Trump's plan to tackle the opioid epidemic, a crisis that has plagued communities and devastated families all across Indiana.

In Indiana, roughly 40 percent more people die from drug overdoses than they do from car accidents. Since 2010, opioid-related deaths have nearly tripled in my State.

It is past time to address the opioid epidemic and get serious about saving lives.

Growing up in the 1980s, Nancy Reagan's Just Say No campaign had a real impact on my life, and I applaud President Trump's plan to do more to educate young people about the horrific effects of drug use.

I also support the President's plan to address the opioid crisis by securing our border, stopping the flow of drugs pouring into our country, and reducing rampant prescription drug abuse. The President is right. For the worst drug traffickers, the death penalty should be an option.

Today we took a big step in the right direction, but more must be done to help families dealing with the devastating effects of opioid abuse.

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### FRIENDSHIP CIRCLE WALK

(Ms. ROS-LEHTINEN asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Ms. ROS-LEHTINEN. Mr. Speaker, today I rise in support of the annual Walking 4 Friendship event.

This past March 18, friends, families, and neighbors from my congressional district walked three kilometers to promote awareness and acceptance of children, teens, and young adults with special needs.

More than 1,000 of my constituents walked to raise support for The Friendship Circle of Miami. This volunteer organization provides a number of social, recreational, and educational programs for some of the most vulnerable members of our society and helps them build lasting friendships.

Mr. Speaker, the positive impact of The Friendship Circle is felt widely throughout our community and brings so much joy and comfort to young people with special needs and their families.

I would like to thank the countless volunteers and local sponsors who make this organization and this wonderful annual event possible. Let us not forget their theme: Together, we can perform miracles.

### MARY'S CUPBOARD

(Mr. FITZPATRICK asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. FITZPATRICK. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to bring attention to the issue of food insecurity, affecting nearly 1.6 million people in my home State of Pennsylvania. In our district, that is 1.6 million too many.

I am proud to recognize the efforts of Mary's Cupboard in Levittown, Pennsylvania, a food pantry which has served nearly 86,000 individuals since its inception in 1976. Operating in conjunction with Catholic Social Services, Mary's Cupboard offers both perishable and nonperishable food items. Their standard practice is to provide a family with 5 days' worth of food.

I would like to recognize founder Marion Slack and operations coordinators Betty Rommet and Ann Hyjurick, who, along with the assistance of partnering parishes St. Ignatius in Yardley, St. Andrew in Newton, St. Cyril of Jerusalem in Jamison, and St. Michael the Archangel in Levittown, bring hope and peace of mind to their neighbors on a daily basis.

Mr. Speaker, I encourage all of us to follow their lead and work to eradicate hunger in all of our communities.

### REMOVAL OF NAME OF MEMBER AS COSPONSOR OF H.R. 4760

Mr. COFFMAN. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that my name be removed as a cosponsor of H.R. 4760.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from Colorado?

There was no objection.

### NEW HARTFORD, NEW YORK, CELEBRATES ITS 230TH ANNIVERSARY

(Ms. TENNEY asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Ms. TENNEY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in recognition of the 230th anni-

versary of the settlement of my hometown, New Hartford, New York.

New Hartford was settled in early 1877 by Jedediah Sanger, who was in search of the American Dream. By 1789, Jedediah had brought his entire family to New Hartford and built a sawmill and gristmill. The village began to flourish with farmers who provided New Hartford and the surrounding communities with fresh produce and a variety of dairy products.

Today, the town of New Hartford strives to maintain Jedediah Sanger's original vision and ideas. It is home to numerous retail stores, restaurants, and churches, while remaining an extremely civic-minded and generous community.

In fact, our own New Hartford Central School District, my alma mater and the same school from which my son graduated from 30 years later, consistently ranks as one of the very best schools in New York State and among the top public schools in the country.

Fun fact: I actually live across the street from the house I grew up in, my childhood home, and I now live in a home that I purchased from our former Congressman, Alexander Pirnie, who once served in this great Chamber.

Please join me in honoring and celebrating the 230th anniversary of New Hartford, New York.

### SALUTING CAREGIVERS OF ALZHEIMER'S DISEASE

(Mr. LAMALFA asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. LAMALFA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to salute the caregivers who support those living with Alzheimer's disease or a related dementia in our community.

Over 5 million Americans have Alzheimer's disease, including 5,000 in my home county of Butte in northern California. It is also the most expensive disease in America. Medicare and Medicaid pay two-thirds of all the costs. This is unacceptable and unsustainable.

This is a tremendous burden to our country. From my perspective, if we are going to have a shot at reducing government spending, we have to advance the movement to cure Alzheimer's and do something to lower the cost of care and also reduce the burden on families who suffer as they watch their loved ones dealing with this disease.

This is why I joined 32 of my House colleagues in cosponsoring the BOLD Infrastructure for Alzheimer's Act. This would create a public health response to Alzheimer's and would help educate community members and doctors on dementia detection, diagnosis, symptom management, even brain health and prevention of dementia.

I will continue to fight for quality, affordable healthcare for seniors nationwide. We must do everything in our